#### **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners September 22, 2003 1101 Oberlin Road Raleigh, NC 27605

MEMBERS ATTENDING: O. Charlie Chewning, Jr., CPA, President; Michael H. Wray, Vice President; Barton W. Baldwin, CPA (via telephone); Norwood G. Clark, Jr., CPA; Scott L. Cox, CPCU, CIC; Leonard W. Jones, CPA; R. Stanley Vaughan, CPA; and Arthur M. Winstead, Jr., CPA

**STAFF ATTENDING:** Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director; Lisa R. Hearne, Manager-Communications; Ann J. Hinkle, Manager-Professional Standards; Buck Winslow, Manager-Licensing; and Noel L. Allen, Legal Counsel.

GUESTS: James T. Ahler, Executive Director, NCACPA; Andrew Ballard, BNA, Inc.; Tom Chenoweth, CPA, Highland Publishing Company; and Curt Lee, Past President, NCSA.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Chewning called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 25, 2003, meeting were approved as submitted.

**FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS:** The financial statements for August 2003 were accepted as submitted.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Arthur M. Winstead, Jr., CPA, was sworn the Oath of Office by President Chewning.

**RESOLUTION**: President Chewning read a Resolution of Appreciation for the service of Barton W. Baldwin, CPA, to the Board. President Chewning instructed the Executive Director to make the Resolution part of the Board minutes (Appendix I).

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Messrs. Vaughan and Cox moved to nominate and approve Leonard W. Jones, CPA, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board. Motion passed with seven (7) affirmative votes and zero (0) negative votes.

**LEGISLATIVE AND RULE-MAKING ITEMS:** Messrs. Vaughan and Wray moved to proceed to rule-making on 21 NCAC 8N .0205. Motion passed with seven (7) affirmative votes and zero (0) negative votes.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Vaughan moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

200212-071 - Kenneth D. Gibbs, Bruce L. Thomas and Cox, Gibbs, & Thomas CPAs,

PLLC - Approve the signed Consent Orders (Appendix II).

200308-037 - Larry S. Dewar - Approve the Board Order (Appendix III).

200308-038 - Stan L. Gainey - Approve the Board Order (Appendix IV).

200308-039 - Patti D. Royster - Approve the Board Order (Appendix V).

9701-012 - Close the case without prejudice.

200304-015 - Close the case without prejudice and with a Letter of Caution. Messrs. Clark and Vaughan were absent from the room nor did they participate in the discussion of this matter nor did they vote on this matter.

200306-021 - Close the case without prejudice.

200306-022 - Close the case without prejudice. Mr. Baldwin did not participate in the discussion of this matter nor did he vote on the matter.

200307-030 - Close the case without prejudice.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND APPLICATIONS Mr. Wray moved and the Board approved the following COMMITTEE: recommendations of the Committee:

Transfer of Grades Applications - The following were approved:

Dwaine Edward Eastham II

## Original Certificate Applications - The following were approved:

Craig Franklin Adcock Debra Hill Bedford

William Maddison Brittain

Erin Wells Brown Jerry Wayne Brown Tanya Bullock

Hong Chen

John Marc Cleveland Samuel Phillip Collins Michael Wayne Cowin Angela Williams Crews Jacqueline Michelle Crowe Kathryn Maureen Donnick

Lori Gillis Duke John Ashley Dunn

Dwaine Edward Eastham II

Kyle Edward Foushee Matthew Aaron Franklin Christopher Michael Haas Angela Dawn Haney-Scott

David Leigh Hepner

Katherine Anna Hirschmann Melinda Evans Hoggard Laura Michelle Howard David Waldon Kerns Yates Damon Lackey Ricardo A. Lopez

Brent Winston Lundquist Paul Wesley Mashburn

Arica NaJean Twiddy McCord

Tracy Lynn McFee Tracey L. McKoy Janice Annette McNeil Jacqueline Rose Miller Tracy Shawn Miller Maximo Mukelabai

Lillian Jean O'Connell
Tara Michelle Parker
Kristi Morris Pindell
William R. Pullano
Deborah Lea Quinn
Kristy Lynn Rice
Stephen A. Roberts
Ronnie Garland Seals Jr.
Dawn Michelle Simmons
Alana Marie Sine

Mary Raechel Stevens Barbara Ann Stewart Rodney Lee Thomas Tracy Anne Thompson Lisa Carol Wagner Michael Dane Ward Jr.

Ion Watkins

James Alderman West Jr. Chun Wai "Jeffrey" Wong Patricia W. Zalusky-Taylor

## **Reciprocal Certificate Applications** - The following were approved:

Charles Mark Bokesch William Joseph Carson Sean Michael Doyle Sara Lynn Fording Catherine Ellen Furr Susan M. Gass Denise Lingenfelter Timothy M. McGovern
Theodore Louis Perrella
James J. Scheuer
Kenneth Stuart Shives
Francisco R. Somarriba
Philip Kingsley Titlestad
Thomas J. Whalen

**Temporary Permits** - The following temporary permits were approved by the Executive Director and ratified by the Board:

Melissa Blevins T02941 Alicia B. Cavender T02942 Charles F. Dillman III T02943 Michael Christian Green T02944 Catherine A. Haigh T02945

Catherine R. Harrington T02946 David Kerestes T02947 Mario E. McKenzie T02948 Shelly Hamel Valiulis T02949

**Firm Registrations** - The following professional corporations, professional limited liability companies, and limited liability partnerships were approved by the Executive Director and ratified by the Board:

John E. Broyles, CPA, PLLC Jay S. Carter, CPA, P.A DEWEY & COMPANY, L.L.P Darrell L. Keller, CPA, PA KRIEGSTEIN, KIM, & WRIGHT, P.C. Lisa Talley Laughlin. CPA, P.A. S.R. LILLIE, INC. PATRICIA F. MUELLER, CPA, PA

**Reclassifications -** The Committee approved a request for retired status submitted by Nancy Caldwell Adams (#14548) because she is completely retired and does not receive any earned compensation for current personal services in any job whatsoever.

**Conditional Licenses -** The Committee placed the following certificates on conditional status:

Billy Joe Hoss #2214 Jimmy Dale Stone #4173 John Louis Guglielmetti #4175 James Addison Meriwether #6989 James Thomas Wollin #7755 Donald Rufus Gilreath #8824 Robert Owen Beck III #8926 Sara Jane Hale #9294 Joe Neil Lowry #10044 Louis Foster Stables #10761 Kenneth David Dockery #10950 William Simpson Creekmuir #11710 Curtis Ewell Clark #11969 Garry Leland Keech #12104 Nancy Roach Dougherty #12796 Roy Wayne Stewart #12824 Timothy Luke Rogers #12897 Rodney Gray Fulton #13135 George Stewart Warren #13269 Joseph Elwood Weatherly III #13271 John Knox McGill #13656 James William Woody #13768 David William McNeish #14005 Janet Stafford Cothron #14080 Thomas Livingston #14274 Lynn Sherrill Murphy #14524 Paula Ross Register #14611 George Golenbiewski #14631 McArthur Douglas Mitchell #14641 Susan N. Turner #14903 Jane Suiter Robertson #15316 Randal Dale Brown #15332 Allen Edgar Breeding #15537 Gregory Thompson #15687 William Emory Shurley #15954 Karen Gough Marshall #16121 Michael Thomas Carey #16420 Paula Marie Tuggle #16664 Polly Antoinette Hudson #16745 Kimberly Jo Council #16861 James Bailey Jordan #16877 Karen Malette Wilson #17577

Virgil Reginald McConnell #17666 Berlena Jones Love #17709 Teresa Trebel Newsom #17820 Thomas Gerard Ondrof #17821 Christopher Gray Reid #17828 Michele H. Burleson #18067 Gary Eugene Cooke #18214 Donald Richard Oliver Jr. #18239 Matthew Robert Pollak #18330 Timothy Edward Mullis #18432 Brenda Perry Ashburn #18494 Marsha Jennette Tice #18762 Jeffrey Wayne Morgan #18878 Cecelia Elizabeth Horton #19413 Pamela Brown Hursey #19574 Ann Elizabeth Pletcher #19604 Karen Corn Caudill #19734 Benjamin Smith Causey #20019 Golda Young Harrington #20043 David Michael Henderson #20044 Clark Alexander Jones #20319 Robin Bernadette Smith #20328 Victoria E. Heath #20395 Patricia K. London #20483 John Paul Ragland #20490 Bryan David Ferren #20710 Judith Cantor #20895 David Andrew Helms #20927 H. Sharpe Ridout #20971 David Brian Robertson #21022 Jeffrey Clarence Hitzke #21142 Emily A. Friedman #21677 Gregory Willard Norwood #21695 Howard M. Wollner #21718 Mary Margaret Frank #21739 William Walter Barker #22029 Phyllis Weeks Stoller #22211 Robert Leslie Blyth Jr. #22245 James Henry Moe #22361 Michael John Pfeiffer #22481 James Robert Clark Jr. #22522 David Lee Jackson #22588

Maximilian Mazzone #22743 Michelle Collier Adkins #22788 David Wayne Leeds #22822

Marguerite Epps Landingham #22863

Carol Berg Smitherman #22885 Steven Lee Edwards #23025 Thomas Elvin Hinton Sr. #23037

Casey Duke Potts #23211 Michael G. Lee #23444

Stewart Kwok Yee Shum #23692

Stephen P. Lain #23756

Karen Lee Kaczmarek #23810 Cathy Jo Espinola #23915 Susan K. North #23949

Keith Alan Shipman Sr. #23963 Paul Lawrence Erickson #23991 Kenneth A. Kaplan #23996 Leanne Marie Stavrakis #24033 Michael Scott Cassidy #24052 James H. Spessard #24099 Sheri Ward Griffin #24115 Sylvia Allred Williams #24189 Lynette Jo Anderson #24270

Lauren Nicole Hatem #24610

Kimberly C. Lewis #24704
Pamela Elizabeth Hawkins #24907
Karyn Anderson Kirol #25157
Craig Lupton-Smith #25200
Janet Bass Norris #25209
Mark Andrew Clifton #25292
James Kevin Bullard #25632

Christine Lee Hislop Pudelko #25692 Thomas Hansen Cockerline #25787

Paul David Stein #25844 Patrick A. Smyth #26065 Debra Ann Walsh #26385 David Brett Moody #26479

Craig Alan Emrick #25681

Christopher Michael Fraley #26582

Cara Lynn Chatham #26733 Mark Stephen Dennis #26883 Thomas Richard Sawyer #27005

Candace E. Lee #27149 Nicole R. Ishii #27197

Kimberly Ewers Laird #27368 Jessica Lynn Spencer #27420 Adaora Angela Eruchalu #27441 Leslie Harboe Powell #27643 Cynthia Dayton Anderson #27710 Pamela Elizabeth Keth #27743 Virginia Ann DeVine #27776 Christopher A. Grimes #27784

Rodney Eugene Smallwood #27821

Karen C Bryant #27837

Milburn H. Holbrook Jr. #27924 Cassandra Thomason Gayle #28108 Jeffrey Thomas Hendrickson #28260 Ma. Rebecca M. Robinson #28309

Brian Keith Wood #28476
Angelica Willeford #28619

Samuel B. Clark #28633 Andrew M. Glickler #28638 Pamela Pearson Thomas #28686

Bradley S. Hanover #28787 Paul R. Thomas #28816 David Royce Dye #28838

Carlton McGhee Fleming #28843 Yvette Letetia Fuller #28845

Thomas Wright Lawrence III #28860

Patricia L. Porter #28978

Andrea Ruth Whitfield #29151
David Philip Sirois #29472
Emily Jordan Kincade #29496
Malynda Mills Grimsley #29516
Jennifer Lynn Peppers #29581
David L. Weissman #29878

The following individuals were referred to the Professional Standards Committee for a second offense:

William H. Jones III #9409 Melvin Kann #10810 Frances Hunter Hampton #11944

Needham Broughton Correll III #13641 Dawn Mahoney Cottrell #14152 Bruce Anthony Baden #14657

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Charles M. Pratt #14887 Dolly Dillehay Parker #16802 David William Pate #17676 Walter Bernard Davis #17989 David Shawn Buffaloe #20118 Dreasha Lynn Harrold #20202 Steven Robert Bower #21364 Phillip Jay Holleman #21791

Rebecca A. Harrington #23033 Evalyn Denise Resetar #23180 Steven John Frost #24957 Joseph Sequeira #26687 Stephanie Bell Rogers #26902 Richard W. Fedorowich Jr. #27341 John Frederick Peterson #28061

**ADJOURNMENT:** Messrs. Wray and Cox moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Attested to by:

Robert N. Brooks Executive Director

O. Charlie Chewning, Jr., CPA President

# NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS



# RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Barton W. Baldwin, CPA, has served as a member of the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners since 1994;

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure he served as Vice President of the Board, Chair of the Professional Standards Committee, and Member of the Personnel Committee;

**WHEREAS**, he has represented the Board and the profession through his service as Chair, Vice Chair, Director-at-Large, Regional Director, Chair and Member of numerous committees of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy;

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure he has faithfully and tirelessly served as a leader in the profession and is an eloquent spokesman for the best interests of the public and the profession;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the members of the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners thank Barton W. Baldwin, CPA, for his dedicated service, his personal sacrifice to serve the public interest, and his leadership to the Board.

This the 22nd day of September 2003.

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

O. Charlie Chewning, Jr., CPA, President



## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: 200212-071

IN THE MATTER OF:

**CONSENT ORDER** 

Kenneth D. Gibbs, #17228 Bruce L. Thomas, #15229 Respondents

THIS CAUSE, coming before the Board at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to NCGS 150B-41 and 150B-22, the Board and Respondent stipulate the following Findings:

- 1. Respondent Kenneth D. Gibbs (hereafter "Respondent Gibbs") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 17228 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. Respondent Bruce L. Thomas (hereafter "Respondent Thomas") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 15229 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 3. In November 2001, a non-profit company contacted the Respondents' firm regarding the possibility of conducting an audit of the non-profit company.
- 4. Prior to accepting the engagement, Respondents' firm performed, and documented, an assessment for the purpose of determining independence with respect to the non-profit company ("Independence Assessment").
- 5. The Independence Assessment included, but was not limited to, independence guidance contained in <u>Practitioner's Publishing Company</u>, <u>Guide to Non-Profit Audits</u>.
- 6. Respondents' firm completed the audit in March of 2002. In response to a Board inquiry regarding the audit, Respondents' firm provided the Board with a copy of its Independence Assessment.
- 7. The Board acknowledges that Respondents recognized the possibility of an independence question and that Respondents made efforts to address that question.

- 8. Respondents contend that they did not intentionally violate any statutes or rules regarding independence.
- 9. Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Order as written.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. The Board has concluded that Respondents' actions, as set out above, constitute violations of NCGS 93-12 (9)e and 21 NCAC 8N .0402 (a) and (c).

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings under 21 NCAC Chapter 8C, the Board and Respondents agree to the following Order:

- 1. Respondents shall each receive an unpublished reprimand.
- 2. Within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date this Order is approved by the Board, Respondents must complete and provide verification of the completion by each Respondent of the Ethics Principles and Professional Responsibilities course as offered by the North Carolina Associations of Certified Public Accountants. Said course may not be used by Respondents to meet their respective annual forty (40) hour requirements. If either of the individual Respondents fails to fulfill this education requirement, the Board may proceed against the individual Respondent who fails to complete said requirement.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 4th DAY OF Agalember, 2003.

Respondent Kenneth D. Gibbs

Respondent Bruce L. Thomas

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APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 22nd DAY OF September 2003.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

BOARD SEAL

Procident

## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: 200212-071

IN THE MATTER OF: Cox Gibbs & Thomas CPAs, PLLC, Respondent Firm

**CONSENT ORDER** 

THIS CAUSE, coming before the Board at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to NCGS 150B-41 and 150B-22, the Board and Respondent Firm stipulate the following Findings:

- 1. Respondent Firm is a licensed certified public accounting firm in North Carolina ("the Firm") that, at the time of the facts in this matter, consisted of three individual partners.
- 2. In November 2001, a non-profit company contacted the Firm regarding the possibility of the Firm conducting an audit of the non-profit company.
- 3. Prior to accepting the engagement, the Firm performed, and documented, an assessment for the purpose of determining independence with respect to the non-profit company ("Independence Assessment").
- 4. The Independence Assessment included, but was not limited to, independence guidance contained in Practitioner's Publishing Company, Guide to Non-Profit Audits.
- 5. The Firm completed the audit in March of 2002.
- 6. After the Firm had issued the audit and in response to a Board inquiry regarding the audit, the firm provided the Board with a copy of its Independence Assessment.
- 7. The Board acknowledges that the Firm recognized the possibility of an independence question and that the Firm made efforts to address that question.
- 8. The Firm contends that neither it nor its individual members intentionally violated any statutes or rules regarding independence.

9. The Firm desires to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Order as written.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The Firm is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. The Board has concluded that the Firm's actions, as set out above, constitute violations of NCGS 93-12(9) e and 21 NCAC 8N.0402 (a) and (c).

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings under 21 NCAC Chapter 8C, the Board and the Firm agree to the following Order:

- 1. The Firm shall receive a censure.
- 2. The Firm shall reimburse the Board for administrative costs incurred in the investigation of this matter in the amount of \$1,000.00.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE <u>LS</u> DAY OF <u>August</u>, 2003.

Cox <u>Hulls</u> & Thomas <u>CPAS</u> <u>PULC</u>

Cox Gibbs & Thomas CPAS, PLLC

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 2003.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

BOARD SEAL

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: 200308-037

IN THE MATTER OF: Larry S. Dewar, #2527

**ORDER** 

THIS CAUSE coming before the Board on September 22, 2003, at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the clear and convincing evidence presented, that:

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Larry S. Dewar is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina and is therefore subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Larry S. Dewar failed to ensure that his firm timely obtained a State Quality Review (SQR) in accordance with provisions as required by NCGS 93-12 (8c) and 21 NCAC 8M .0102.
- 3. Larry S. Dewar subsequently provided documentation to the Board that his firm's SQR was completed in excess of 120 days from the required completion date.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Larry S. Dewar's failure to timely obtain a SQR prior to the prescribed completion date is a violation of NCGS 93-12 (8c) and 21 NCAC 8M .0102.

# BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders that:

- 1. Larry S. Dewar's certificate is suspended for 30 days; however, said suspension is stayed based on the completion of his firm's SQR.
- 2. Larry S. Dewar shall disclose the suspension of his license whenever asked if he has ever had a license suspended or revoked.
- 3. Larry S. Dewar's certificate shall be placed on conditional status for one (1) year from the date this Order is approved.

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4. Larry S. Dewar shall pay a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) civil penalty.

This the 22nd day of September, 2003.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

BOARD SEAL

President

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: 200308-038

IN THE MATTER OF: Stan L. Gainey, #5149

**ORDER** 

THIS CAUSE coming before the Board on September 22, 2003, at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the clear and convincing evidence presented, that:

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Stan L. Gainey is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina and is therefore subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Stan L. Gainey failed to timely obtain a State Quality Review (SQR) in accordance with provisions as required by NCGS 93-12 (8c) and 21 NCAC 8M .0102.
- 3. Stan L. Gainey has subsequently failed to provide documentation to the Board that his SQR has been completed and is in excess of 120 days from the required completion date.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Stan L. Gainey's failure to timely obtain a SQR prior to the prescribed completion date is a violation of NCGS 93-12 (8c) and 21 NCAC 8M .0102.

# BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders that:

- 1. Stan L. Gainey's certificate is suspended for at least thirty (30) days from the date this Order is approved and until the required SQR compliance information is received by the Board.
- 2. If Stan L. Gainey fails to return his suspended certificate within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of this Order, the thirty (30) day suspension will be extended by the number of days that his certificate is late in being returned to the Board office.

- 3. If Stan L. Gainey returns his suspended certificate within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of this Order, Stan L. Gainey can, after at least thirty (30) days, and the completion of his firm's SQR, apply to return his certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reissuance application which includes:
  - a. Application form,
  - b. Payment of the application fee,
  - c. 3 moral character affidavits, and
  - d. 40 hours of CPE in the 12 months preceding the application including an 8 hour accountancy law course pursuant to 21 NCAC 8F .0504.
- 4. If Stan L. Gainey returns his suspended certificate in excess of fifteen (15) days of the receipt of this Order, Stan L. Gainey can, after at least thirty (30) days, and the completion of his firm's SQR, apply to return his certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reissuance application which includes:
  - a. Application form (which includes statements regarding use of title during forfeiture),
  - b. Payment of the application fee,
  - c. 3 moral character affidavits (on forms provided by Board),
  - d. 40 hours of CPE in the 12 months preceding the application including an 8 hour accountancy law course pursuant to 21 NCAC 8F .0504, and
  - e. Consent Order requiring payment of at least \$100.00 in administrative costs.

This the 22nd day of September, 2003.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

BOARD SEAL

President

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: 200308-039

IN THE MATTER OF: Patti D. Royster, #24374

<u>ORDER</u>

THIS CAUSE coming before the Board on September 22, 2003, at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the clear and convincing evidence presented, that:

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Patti D. Royster is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina and is therefore subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Patti D. Royster failed to timely obtain a State Quality Review (SQR) in accordance with provisions as required by NCGS 93-12 (8c) and 21 NCAC 8M .0102.
- 3. Patti D. Royster has subsequently failed to provide documentation to the Board that her SQR has been completed and is in excess of 120 days from the required completion date.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Patti D. Royster's failure to timely obtain a SQR prior to the prescribed completion date is a violation of NCGS 93-12 (8c) and 21 NCAC 8M .0102.

# BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders that:

- 1. Patti D. Royster's certificate is suspended for at least thirty (30) days from the date this Order is approved and until the required SQR compliance information is received by the Board.
- 2. If Patti D. Royster fails to return her suspended certificate within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of this Order, the thirty (30) day suspension will be extended by the number of days that her certificate is late in being returned to the Board office.

- If Patti D. Royster returns her suspended certificate within fifteen (15) 3. days of the receipt of this Order, Patti D. Royster can, after at least thirty (30) days, and the completion of her firm's SQR, apply to return her certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reissuance application which includes:
  - Application form,
  - Payment of the application fee, b.
  - 3 moral character affidavits, and c.
  - 40 hours of CPE in the 12 months preceding the application d. including an 8 hour accountancy law course pursuant to 21 NCAC 8F .0504.
- If Patti D. Royster returns her suspended certificate in excess of fifteen (15) 4. days of the receipt of this Order, Patti D. Royster can, after at least thirty (30) days, and the completion of her firm's SQR, apply to return her certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reissuance application which includes:
  - Application form (which includes statements regarding use of title during forfeiture),
  - b. Payment of the application fee,
  - 3 moral character affidavits (on forms provided by Board), C.
  - d. 40 hours of CPE in the 12 months preceding the application including an 8 hour accountancy law course pursuant to 21 NCAC 8F .0504, and
  - Consent Order requiring payment of at least \$100.00 in e. administrative costs.

This the 22nd day of September, 2003.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

BOARD SEAL

BY: O. Charlie Chewning President